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## **Summary of Amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the Advisory Board for Interpreters Between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, and Oral Deaf**

The following revisions to the Rules for the Advisory Board for Interpreters were approved for recommendation to the Board of Health by the Advisory Board on February 5, 2016:

- Clarify in the Rules that for purposes of renewal, we only need a signed renewal request, not a full application. To carry out this Rule change, a renewal request will be sent out with renewal notices each year.
- Clarify what documentation must be submitted with the renewal request.
- Create an “inactive status” for licensure, to prevent individuals who do not meet the continuing education requirements from reapplying for a new license. Would allow them to go on “inactive status;” and to resume licensure, they will have to provide appropriate documentation of continuing education or continued credentialing.
- All above changes were made for provisional licensure renewal as well.
- Changes were made to the levels of practice a licensee can engage in based on his or her credential. These changes were made at the recommendation of an ad hoc committee composed of Deaf citizens and practicing interpreters.
- Fees are updated to clarify that there is a \$35.00 non-refundable processing fee for initial, renewal, and reactivation applications.